



## Hershey's Mill Sports Committee Meeting Minutes 11/18/2024 1:00 via Zoom

**Attendees:** Jack Bradley, MaryAnn DeFalco, Jack Hamilton, Sherry Kane, George Madden, Lynn Mander, Dave Nagurney.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:** Meeting minutes from 10/21/24 were approved (with one minor addition) and will be posted on the web.

**Treasurer's report:** Lynn reported that as of October 31, 2024 the HMS checkbook balance was \$15,279.78 and the bowling account balance was \$1,542.96 for a grand total of \$16,822.74.

### **Old Business:**

- Village Green Pavilion Update – Dave reported that we are still waiting for permits from the township. As reported last month, ground will be broken once township approval is received. Then, it is estimated that construction will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks. The pavilion is expected to be completed before the end of the year.
- Fall CPR Class Review – MaryAnn reported that the CPR Class was held October 22 in the Community Center with 14 residents attending. The successful program will be repeated in the Spring. Thanks to HMCTV for funding this class.
- Stretch Zone Revitalization – MaryAnn talked about the current appearance of the area surrounding the Stretch Zone. She pointed out that there are a number of dirt patches where grass should be growing. Additionally, the old bocce courts with their rotting wooden sides are unsightly and should be removed. Sod should be laid in both areas. MaryAnn said that the Stretch Zone itself serves an important function and should remain as is. The area around the Stretch Zone is basically not “Hershey’s Mill” quality and needs revitalization. MaryAnn received favorable comments from the committee members. She will write up her concerns and share with George Earle.
- Furniture for the Village Green pavilion – Jack Bradley stated that the furniture for the Village Green pavilion has arrived. The chairs are assembled and only the tables may need assembly. The furniture will remain in the original shipping cartons and stored under cover on the pool deck for the winter.

- Steep Road Removal – The steep and curvy road running from the road below the Sullivan House to the bocce parking lot has been removed. After removing the road, the area was regraded, sod was laid and watered on a regular basis. The wooden guard rail was extended along the upper road. The program was a great success for two reasons: Residents will no longer drive on that treacherous hill and bocce players and others will no longer have to be concerned about a car careening off the road. The consensus from the committee was that the completed project looked like it had always been there.

### **New Business:**

- “Thank You” Gathering for Sports Leaders – The logistics for the upcoming Sports Leaders “Thank You” Gathering were discussed. It was agreed that the purpose of the meeting will be to show appreciation to the sports leaders. It will be an informal get together and the spouses will be invited. Dave will open the proceedings with words of appreciation and inviting each leader to express their plans for their sport. Sherry suggested that each leader be given a name-tag with their name with a different color (gold maybe) and their sport followed by “LEADER”. All committee members agreed. The gathering will take place in the Ardmore Room at the Community Center on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served compliments of the Hershey’s Mill Technology Committee.
- New Paddle Leader – Marie Derby has volunteered to lead Paddle this season. It was suggested that the committee members email Marie a vote of thanks.
- Summer Holiday Sports Celebrations – The sports community at Hershey’s Mill have always celebrated Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day in a special way. Many players crowded the outdoor sports venues. In addition to spirited play, food and beverages were provided at a nominal cost. While all residents were invited to attend, for the most part it was the players who attended almost exclusively. That changed after MaryAnn DeFalco and her family took over the food responsibilities and in 2021 the birth of the Long Island Hot Dog and Bake contest. Last May, more than 500 residents enjoyed a free Memorial Day feast, sponsored by Independence Blue Cross. Sherry and Bill Kane did wonderful job making this a huge success despite the late notice from IBX. July 4<sup>th</sup> was a Pot Luck event where players brought their own food to share with others playing their same sport. Labor Day was again orchestrated by MaryAnn. For \$5, players and other residents enjoyed custom bagels and orange juice for breakfast followed by lunch sandwiches. In order

to make these events happen, there was a tremendous amount of work required by the Sports Committee Members, our families and our friends for set up, working the event and clean up. The concerns of parking, crowd size, our own enjoyment of the day and safety were discussed. The Village Green/Sports Complex/Pool areas were not built to handle large crowds in a safe manner. It was decided that next year, all summer holiday events will be Pot Luck, directed by each of the Sports leaders for their respective sports. HMSC would support the Sports leaders by setting up the canopies, coolers with water & ice, the Sports feather flags and communication to HM residents. The vote was unanimous for approval.

**Facilities:**

- Awnings for Bocce and Shuffleboard – Jack Bradley reported that the awnings were removed and stored for the winter. They will be put back up in the Spring.
- Platform Tennis – Jack also stated that the courts were power washed, tree limbs over the courts were removed and weed wacked around the courts.

**Requests:**

- Pickleball – 100 Onyx Winter Balls --\$270 - approved unanimously
- Pickleball picker upper tube \$41.95 - approved unanimously

**Dates:**

- 12/16/24 – Next HMSC Meeting – 1:00 via Zoom
- 1/14/25 – “Thank You” Gathering for Sports Leaders – 4:00 in Ardmore Room at Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40 PM